

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT GOREFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2007

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Davall, Carroll and Mrs Hunns

Councillor C Seaton

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Hall, P C Coales and John Dubber

44/07 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd April 2007 were confirmed and signed.

45/07 Additional item to be considered – Streetlights

46/07 Chairman declared a personal interest in one of the planning applications to be considered F/YR07/0371/F

47/07 **POLICE LIAISON**

PC Coales unable to attend meeting. There have been several cases of shed burglaries in the village. Any information about these should be reported.

48/07 **JOHN DUBBER PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER**

Not able to attend

49/07 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Christmas Tree

An old tree has now been removed from the Church Yard so it will now be possible to set a container grown Christmas tree in its place

50/07 **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1) **Highway Matters**

Order has been raised for the repair of the pot holes in Wolf Lane and one will also be raised for those in High Side

(2) **Village Welcome Pack**

John Timms to be asked how much he would charge to compile a pack similar to the one produced by a neighbouring village and then a local printer will be approached for his costs to print enough for every household in the village.

(3) **Community Life Awards 2007**

Chairman and Councillor Mrs Hunns will gather information together to make a submission.

(4) **Youth Shelter**

This will be discussed further after the Parish Plan results have been received.

(5) **Playing Field Association**

CALC were asked their opinion as to the viability of the Parish Council taking over the running of the playing field. They have asked to see a copy of the Trust Deed before they can give an answer. Some of the documents are now available and Councillor Carroll will let the clerk have what he has and then they will be sent onto CALC.

(6) **New Code of Conduct**

A copy of the new code of conduct will be circulated with the correspondence and then discussed further at the next meeting.

51/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(1) **Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2008/09 Bidding Round**

Submission form must be returned by 21st July. Suggestions to be put forward at the next meeting.

All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

52/07 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning application received:

Application No F/YR07/0356/F – Erection of 14 dwellings 93 High Road and land east of Elm Haven West End – the Parish Council wishes to support the comments made by local residents against the application. They are:-

- Some local residents near the site were not consulted about the proposal
- The density and design mix of the site is not in keeping with the area
- There is no mention of improvements to the access to West End into High Road. A footpath along West End would be a necessity
- There is not enough parking provision
- The untidy state of the site has been contributed by the developer
- A precedent had already been set in the area in previous applications for single storey dwellings only
- No open space has been provided
- Why have the North Level Internal Drainage Board agreed to relax its byelaw limit to 5 metres from the brink of their drain.
- There is no provision for affordable housing

Chairman took no part in the decision making process for the following application

Application No F/YR07/0371 – Formation of an extension to existing wildlife pond – land east of Beechwood Cattle Dyke – no objections

Application Refused

Application No F/YR07/0240/O – erection of 2 dwelling land north west of Fitton Lodge Fitton End. The rights of way officer has confirmed that this site was encroaching onto the bye way

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Letter was sent to the Pre-School requesting more information but to date no reply has been received. Will be deferred until the next meeting.

Annual Governance Report for the Annual Return

The annual internal report has been carried out by Whiting and Partners and they have not identified any problems with the accounts.

The Parish Council were able to answer in the affirmative to all the question asked in the statement and the chairman and clerk signed the form on behalf of the council. All this information to be sent to the external auditors by 1st July 2007.

Clerk authorised to issue the following cheques:

Allianz Cornhill (Insurance)	£670.33
CALC (Subscription)	£293.18

Majority of allotments have been received

First instalment of Precept (£2,750) received 2nd April 2007

Balance of Accounts

Current Account	£314.04
Business Premium Account	£5,752.05
High Interest Account	£6,331.47
	<u>£12,083.52</u>

54/07

Reports from Councillors

It has been reported that asbestos has been dumped at a property in Churchill Road. This will be reported to the environment officer

Fly tipping at Decoy Bridge. Before it can be reported more information will be required.

Parents of children attending the local school are concerned about the speed vehicles are doing as they pass the school. Maybe this can be considered at the next meeting as a jointly funded minor highways improvement scheme

The chairman has been approached by people from Gorefield and Newton in his capacity as a Fenland District Councillor to represent them at a forthcoming Development Control meeting to discuss the change of use of a private dwelling to a care home.

Fred Hardwick to be asked to look at the new access being formed on Wolf Lane.

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Addition Item – Streetlights

Letters received from Cambs CC Street lighting. They report that three streetlights have been reported as obsolete and need replacing. They are FPC4 Back Road, FPC15 and FPC16 High Road. The estimated cost for replacing these will be in the region of £1,000 each. It was decided to ask for some confirmation that they will not cost any more than this before going ahead.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 2nd July 2007

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